

The Spirit

Sister Margaret Buckley Calls it a Career

By Gabrielle Hughes

With the end of the school year drawing near, Sister Margaret Buckley's years of service at SJC are coming to a close. On top of several years working within the field of education, the current Academic Dean has spent over 25 years filling various roles in her respective office. S. Margaret will leave behind a great number of accomplishments as she departs.

Prior to her appointment as the Academic Dean of Arts and Sciences, S. Margaret taught high school English, as well as secondary education courses at SJC. Her involvement in The Office of the Academic Dean began when the former Academic Dean, S. Mary Florence Burns, asked for assistance in carrying out her roles. S. Margaret gradually accumulated more responsibilities, eventually becoming Associate Dean, and as the college grew she received further advancement. With the establishments of the Long Island campus and the School of Professional and Graduate Studies, S. Mary Florence became the Vice President of Academic Affairs, leaving S. Margaret to fill the role of Brooklyn's Academic Dean of Arts and Sciences.

As Academic Dean, S. Margaret has been generally responsible for the academic life of the college. Along with her team, she

formulates curriculums, oversees faculty, and coordinates student's academic lives. She determines which classes will be taught, the specific times they will be held, and who will teach them.

When asked to reflect upon her accomplishments as Academic Dean, S. Margaret noted her great involvement with the general growth of SJC. She and her team developed the current advisement program, which strives to accommodate incoming freshmen as they transition into the college setting. The system allows new students to form bonds with their advisors, who assist in determining academic plans. Furthermore, S. Margaret is credited with the creation of the Honors Program, which offers students the ability to intensify their educational experience and deepen academic accomplishments.

With her exit from SJC approaching, S. Margaret anticipates that the future will bring further excellence and a growing curriculum. She remarks upon the rejuvenation that accompanies her leaving, stating, "A new person in my role will bring new ideas and energy." Additionally, she is hopeful that the relationship between The Office of the Academic Dean and students will hold strong, with high academic standards continuing to be met. Overall, Sister Margaret Buckley's love for SJC has impacted the school in great ways, and students and staff will heavily feel her absence when she steps down.



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Sister Margaret at work in her office, from where she has guided the college's academic path for the better part of 25 years.

The Search for a New Academic Dean

By Catherine Muldoon

It is an unfortunate reality that life is ever-changing. As we start to say our goodbyes to long-time Academic Dean Sister Margaret Buckley, a constant figure of strength at the college in spite of her size, we must accept and welcome our next dean as Dr. Richard Greenwald takes his position in July 2011.

The process of searching for the next Academic Dean has been long, tedious, and anything but easy; however, success does

not come without great effort. College Provost S. Loretta McGrann described the process: to begin, a search committee of faculty was elected for each campus because both Brooklyn and Patchogue were searching for applicants for a new dean. Two administrators were then appointed by S. Elizabeth, and the committee was given the responsibility of finding a new dean for the Brooklyn Campus.

The positions were advertised in the New York Times through December of 2010, and then the first interviews took place in January of this year. From those interviews, the top three candidates were chosen. One was Dr. Michael Hanophy of the Biology Department as the internal candidate, as well as two

external candidates, Dr. Richard Greenwald and Dr. Brian Bates, who were also applying for the same position on the Patchogue campus. Each of the candidates was presented to all constituencies of the campus in February and March where they spent a day meeting with various students, faculty, staff, and administration.

The day on campus started with an interview with a student panel where students were given the opportunity to question the candidates about their plans for the college. Following the student interviews, the candidate was given a campus tour, and then they addressed the faculty and staff during common hour. The common hour presentation was open to all faculty, staff, and administration while only a few students were chosen to interview the candidates.

Each candidate then met with the search committee, followed by a meeting with S. Elizabeth, and a final meeting with the President's Council. The Search Committee read the responses of all the constituencies, and they made their recommendation to S. Elizabeth who made the ultimate decision.

Choosing a new dean involved the efforts of people from several areas of the campus. They all went through great efforts to make the right decision. Time will tell, but S. Elizabeth is very excited to welcome Dr. Greenwald to our campus. She said that although we are functioning very well as a college, change can be a good thing. People are sometimes afraid of change, she goes on to say, but if we choose to remain the same, eventually everyone will surpass us and we will only be moving backwards.

Dr. Greenwald has a very interesting background because he was already a dean at Drew University, which is a much larger school than St. Joseph's. It will be exciting to have a new perspective on campus. S. Elizabeth described him as an academic who believes in enriched learning, and one of his best qualities is his openness and willingness to learn. When the student panel interviewed him, members described him as "someone who holds not only academics, but also co-curricular learning to very high standards. He understands that learning does not just happen in the classroom."

During his first year here, Dr. Greenwald will focus mainly on academics, but as S. Elizabeth said, "he will have the full support of the faculty, staff, and rest of the campus to help him adjust." She said that "transitions are terribly challenging, but they are also very exciting," which is all too true. She also pointed out that in a sense it is good that he is starting with the new core curriculum because everyone will be on the same page.

This is an exciting time for the college full of many changes; the new core curriculum goes into effect in the fall, we should be breaking ground on the athletic center soon, and we get to be a part of a new chapter of St. Joseph's History as we welcome Dr. Greenwald as the new Academic Dean. We are all anxiously awaiting his arrival to find out what he can bring to the campus.

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*Correction: Last issue's "iPhone vs. Droid" article was written by John Rizzo

From the Desk of the President: An SGA Response

By Nina Zito, SGA President

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to "Spirit" columnist Robert Jurman, who in last month's issue discussed Student Government. Firstly, I would like to applaud Robert for taking a stand on current issues at St. Joseph's College. However, some of his information is inaccurate and I would like to clear up a few misconceptions regarding the role Student Government plays at SJC.

Once a month, Student Government conducts a Senate Meeting to discuss on-going issues within the college community. Senate meetings are not focused solely on clubs and organizations, but serve as a formal way to communicate with leaders on campus about a wide variety of topics. Senate Meetings can serve as a way for clubs to share their successes with fellow Club Presidents and members of Student Government, and also as a birthplace of a new club. Students interested in forming a new club can propose a constitution at Senate for approval from their fellow clubs and organizations. The constitution is proposed at Senate so other senators can inquire about the purpose and main goals of the club.

Each club is awarded \$300 per semester that they are able to use with no questions asked. This year, SGA and C.A.B

decided to hold a mid-year review of all clubs and organizations on campus, resulting in an extra \$100 being directed towards the budget of those clubs who had performed exceptionally over the fall. If a club or organization is holding an event that costs more than their club budget, they are welcomed to propose a budget at a Budget Meeting to request more money for their event.

After every meeting, clubs are required to submit a Club Report Form with detailed minutes from each meeting. If Student Government has documented notes of particular meetings, they are more equipped to encourage different events, ideas, and plans for the future.

SGA has conducted numerous events throughout the 2010-2011 school year that have displayed our dedication and interest in the student body of St. Joseph's. We hosted F.O.R.M.S. (Figuring Out Required Material Successfully) in September. This workshop gave Club Presidents an opportunity to practice filling out a variety of different forms for a mock event. SGA encouraged students to enroll at SJC at Open House in October. We took part in the Smoke-Out campaign in the month of November to reinforce the smoking policies on campus. In January we hosted a Club Presidents workshop where each club was presented with a new club binder to serve as a source of organized information for future student leaders. In February C.A.B hosted "Relationships Week" that encouraged students to maintain positive, healthy

relationships. On March 3rd, SGA and C.A.B. held their 2nd annual Talent Show, showcasing the variety of talent we have at SJC.

Bookstore regulations do not directly coincide with Student Government. The bookstore does in fact have a "rent-a-book" policy in which textbooks are rented for cheaper prices- just hold onto your receipt! In addition, at the Public Forum held on March 7th, SGA Vice-President Elect Elizabeth Fiorella mentioned the possibility of conducting a book drive next year. Students would be able to shop for textbooks from other students for great bargains.

Student Government has no control over of internet connections or the lack thereof in any building on campus. In the last issue of the newspaper, John Rizzo wrote a well-researched article on the progress of Wi-Fi in St. Angela Hall, explaining that "St. Joseph's College is planning an upgrade and redesign of the wireless infrastructure in Brooklyn and Patchogue. The upgrade will include St. Angela Hall and the Carriage Hall." The article also noted that the completion on the project is expected by September 2011 for both campus buildings.

I feel that Student Government has come a long way. We collaborate, we communicate, and we encourage others to be successful leaders. You, too, can make a difference. I encourage you to gather your ideas and join Student Government so your voice can be heard.

The New Library

Library renovations on the way for Fall '11.

By Roseangela Fracchiolla

Our generation isn't a stranger to the word "change," but we sometimes forget the significance of smaller changes that affect our everyday lives, starting with our very own St. Joseph's library renovation. Students at St. Joe's utilize the library in many different ways, whether it is computer use, research, or let's face it, socializing. Taking into account these aspects of the library, Library Director Dr. William Meng spear-headed the new changes, scheduled to be implemented this summer. When asked what sparked these renovations Dr. Meng responded: "the library should be a place where students can talk and work with one another." Taking this into account, the goal of the initiative is to provide spaces that promote group study activity. So how will this be done without disrupting the entire student body? The answer is planning, and in true library nature, some research.

Dr. Meng has traveled to the libraries at some of the most esteemed educational institutions in the country, such as Columbia University and Princeton University. The idea of researching these libraries is to see how a school of smaller size such as St. Joseph's can improve on a comparable level. For our school, we must cut out what does not seem necessary anymore. Some of you have noticed the empty bookshelves on the first floor; Dr. Meng explains that these shelves were once filled with paper journals. Due to the fact that these resources are

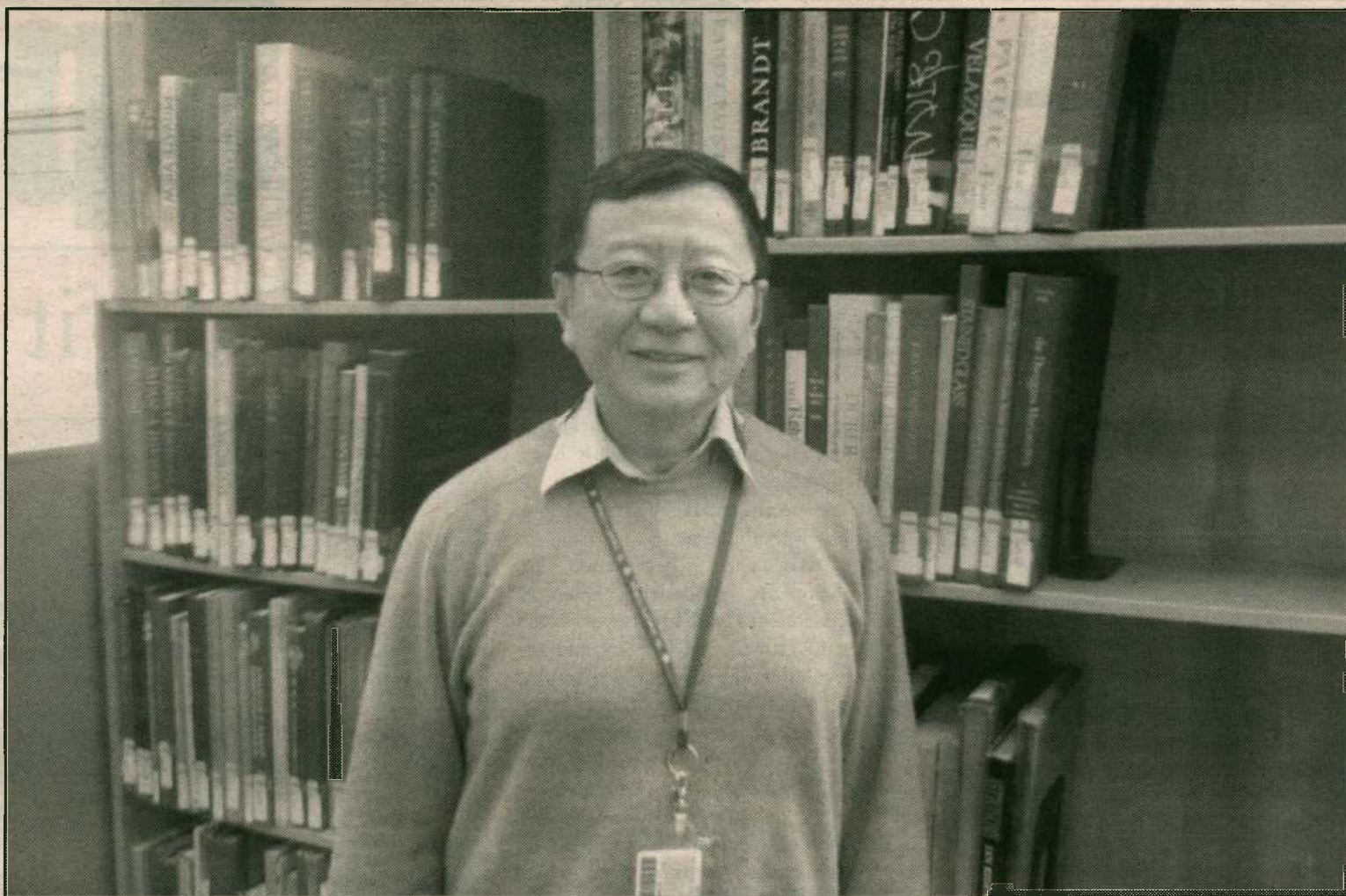


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Library Director Dr. William Meng has done a great deal of research and legwork to design the upcoming changes to the SJC library's infrastructure.

recorded electronically, the space can be utilized more efficiently. In this space where the bookshelves are there will be two brand-new Group Study Rooms. These rooms can hold up to six people and will include a conference table, white board, and a 42-inch monitor that laptops can be hooked up to. The Group Study Rooms can be reserved for the students for work on projects. These soundproof Group Study Rooms will give the students more space to work on group assignments and grant students the tools for these assignments.

This entire section of the library is getting an extreme makeover. Although there will not be bull dozers, a wrecking ball, or carpenters

with mega phones busting through the walls, there will be significant changes that will be visible, such as a lounge area by the windows where the copy machines are now. It will be similar to the lounge in the cafeteria, only a bit less rambunctious. Dr. Meng points out that because bookshelves will remain between both round pillars in this section the books will muffle any added noise coming from the lounge area.

On the opposite end of the library will be another set of brand new work spaces, including what is being called a "Tech Deck," a term borrowed from the University of Michigan. The room is set up much like a computer lab; however, its specialized setup

will allow professors to see what is taking place on student's monitors and also provide open communication with the students. This room will also be soundproof and students will have the ability to print out any posters needed for projects. This room will seat eight to twelve people and will have larger desktop monitors. The "tech deck" will be connected to a Faculty Resource Room, where faculty will have two work stations to use. The rooms will also be connected by sliding doors, allowing them to be multi-purpose. Dr. Meng emphasizes the importance of giving students space as well as making the best out of this space as well. When asked about the plans for the library renovation, SJC student

Gabrielle Hughes commented, "Overall, I feel like students will benefit from the renovation. I am particularly anxious to see how the group study rooms will turn out because I think they'll greatly enhance our class preparation methods."

The new rooms being added to our library's first floor will be called "Information Commons," a term that seems fitting for a school that promotes community everyday from the hours of 12:35 to 1:40 pm. With the addition of the commons, this word "change" that almost seems overused now will reclaim its meaning and it will become a reality. The library renovations are expected to be completed by Fall 2011.

SLE at SJC

Defining the college's Student Life Experience program.

By John Rizzo

Many students on campus do not know too much about SLE, and they are often puzzled when it comes up in casual conversation. Open to all students at the college, SLE (short for Student Leadership Experience) is a relatively new program that started at SJC three years ago that starts up every spring semester. Moderators Sherrie Van Arnam, Jaime Vacca-Hoefner, and Michelle Corsetti in the Student Life Office organize the SLE workshops necessary for members to obtain leadership membership according to the levels intrigued students apply for in their SLE applications submitted back in late January. They also initiate facilitated community service projects placed in charge of senior members in the club.

The program, as per its motto, helps to "develop the leader within." Each workshop educates club members about leadership skills needed for everyday life and for taking on large leadership roles in prestigious projects. Many of the work-

shops, if not all of them, advocate members to always take a step forward and be determined to basically put themselves "out there", as the old saying goes. Held during Common Hour in Tuohy Hall, these workshop sessions provide active student participants with specific strategies to help them become true leaders. Requirements for the program slightly vary in the quantity of required presences at events in accordance with their leadership levels.

Two kick-off events in the beginning of the spring semester (back in late January and early February) were held to spark student interest and recruitment to motivate students to join the program. Members just starting out aim for Level I leadership and progressive club involvement increases student member leadership status in the club up to a Level III leader. In addition to attending at least one kick-off event, members must attend the minimum amount of leadership develop-

ment workshops to help earn the leadership level they are working towards and must be involved in campus life. All members must involve themselves in the minimum hours of required community service as per their leadership level and attend at least one major event as defined by the club, one student organization-sponsored event, and one event featuring students which requires members to participate and perform as part of one of SJC's Student Performing Arts clubs (e.g. Chapel Players, Choral Society, and Dance Club). Senior and higher members that are Level III leaders in SLE finally help to facilitate SLE leadership workshops and community service projects. In leadership workshops, they help to collect attendance signatures for current SLE members and guide the younger leaders towards obtaining higher leadership goals in the club.



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SJC students participate in one of the many offered SLE workshops.

Word Around Campus: Are Academics the



Christine Galvin (Sophomore) - I believe that academics are an important part of college. With that said, in order to have an amazing experience in college, you must be involved in the social aspects also.



Allison Donovan (Freshman) - Academics are most certainly not the most important part of the college experience, although they play a big part.



Jesse Iozzio (Sophomore) - Yes, academics are the most important part of a college education because academics are the foundation of college.



Bryanne Marriello (Sophomore) - I believe that academics are important, but it is important to be involved socially as well.

Viva Italia!

SJC Students go abroad to Italy.

By Kristen McMaster

On March 12, 2011 the St. Joseph's Honors Program Hosted its annual study abroad weeklong trip. This year's students were fortunate enough to go to Italy. After a long year of preparation the twelve students and three moderators set off on a life-changing journey.

From the moment we landed everything around me felt so surreal. Was I really in Italy? Was I really about to see Rome, Florence, and Venice? The answer was yes, but it was hard to convince myself. The first stop on our weeklong journey was the Colosseum. Everything felt like it was a painting; beautifully preserved for the world to gaze at, and every time I saw it after that day it was like seeing it for the first time. From the Colosseum we traveled to the Vatican. Unfortunately we didn't run into the pope, but we did get to explore his beautiful palace. From there we wandered the streets as we stumbled across landmarks such as the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps.

We spent our free time eating as much gelato and pizza we could, while laughing and enjoying the atmosphere.

Next came the train ride to Florence. This seemed like a scene directly from "Harry Potter." We waited outside the train to board, and when we were seated



Photo Credit: Kristen McMaster

Students from Brooklyn wander the streets and back alleys of the Old Country.

the trolley came around with snacks (fellow traveler Teresa Bosque and I secretly hoped for chocolate frogs). Florence is a city well known for its beauty, charm, and shopping. Our time was spent gazing at all the different architecture and walking around from shop to shop, and in spite of the rain that fell our group didn't slow down the pace as we continued our pizza and gelato craze. We toured the Uffizi Gallery and witnessed firsthand the masterpiece "The Birth of Venus." To witness a piece of art that you have been studying for years in person was shocking, and the piece was breathtaking.

After Florence, we hopped on another train to Venice. Even though it is a city of water, there is a single track that runs directly to the city. In Venice we walked everywhere; there was really no other choice. The city was beautiful, quaint and peaceful. You could hear the water moving, and the occasional shout of a gondolier shouting "OYE" as they rounded a canal bend. We visited San Marco Square, and went inside the Doge's Palace. Every inch of wall and ceiling was hand painted and carved, and even the building itself was a work of art. We all went to the famous Murano Glass Factory to witness a

glass-blowing demonstration, and all brought home a souvenir or two (or seven). On the last day we travelled up to the top of the St. Marks Bell Tower. The view was amazing. You could see every part of the island plus the other islands that made up the city. The beauty was inspiring.

The trip was extraordinary and I can only hope to return to Italy once again to add to the memories I already made there. Student Gia Vecchio said, "I watched a group of twelve very diverse students come together as acquaintances or near strangers and in a week walked away from

the experience with unbreakable bonds that were just as memorable as the Vatican itself." As I sit reflecting on this journey, I relish in the memories I will cherish, the friends I made, and the experience I gained. I will never forget the moments that made me gasp in awe, and the stories that made me laugh so hard my stomach hurt. I will always appreciate the beauty and grace that is Italy, and I am glad to have come home with a new "happy place."

Teaching the Proud

SJC student teachers share their skills on a Native American reservation.

By Nina Zito

Over Spring Break, Jaclyn Verbil, Kristen Naletilic, Jacqueline Galante and I, accompanied by Sister Betty Calfapietra, had the amazing opportunity to volunteer at the St. Charles Apache Mission School, located in the center of the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in San Carlos, Arizona. St. Charles is a Catholic school that serves the spiritual and educational needs of about 130 children, attending kindergarten through 6th grade.

After being on the reservation for just a few short hours, it became clear that the San Carlos Apache Indians are a proud, family orientated tribe in need of a better life. There is an 80% rate of unemployment on the reservation. Most families live in trailer homes with scarce electricity, plumbing and food supply. Since 83% of the families of the children that attend the St. Charles School are below poverty level, they can only afford to pay \$700 of their child's annual tuition of \$4,800. Most Apaches living on the reservation resort to alcohol, drugs, vandalism and crime during their leisure time. Children are

often the sole caretakers of their homes and younger siblings. To ensure that the children do not follow in their family's footsteps, the school offers guidance sessions throughout the year to promote healthy self-esteem, responsible decision-making skills, and prevention of drug and alcohol abuse. Kristen Naletilic said, "Working with the Apache Native Americans and experiencing how they live and what they face every day was life changing experience."

Although we were exposed to the harsh living conditions of the Apache Indians, the children brought joy to our hearts and tears to our eyes. They truly appreciated our help and compassionate nature during our stay at their school. "Working with the children at the St. Charles school was my favorite part of the trip. I would go back to visit in a heartbeat," said Jaclyn Verbil. During our student teaching experience at the school, we observed lessons in Religion, Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Computer Instruction, Physical Education, Music and the Apache Language and Culture. Some of

us were given the unique opportunity to bring our own ideas and teaching strategies into the classroom.

I can speak for all of us when I say that volunteering at the St. Charles Apache Mission School puts many things into perspective. It taught us to be appreciative of what we have, including our family and friends as well as our education. Jacqueline Galante agreed by saying, "Teaching on the Apache Indian reservation changed my whole outlook as a future teacher and especially as a person. Not only did the children leave an impact on my life, but the impact I made on theirs made it the most rewarding and life-changing encounter I've ever experienced."

If you would like to volunteer your services or send any form of donations to the St. Charles Apache Mission School, please email me at zkzito@student.sjcnj.edu or Sister Betty at ecalfapietra@sjcnj.edu. Your smallest contributions will make a lasting impression on the lives of our friends and children at the St. Charles school in San Carlos, Arizona.

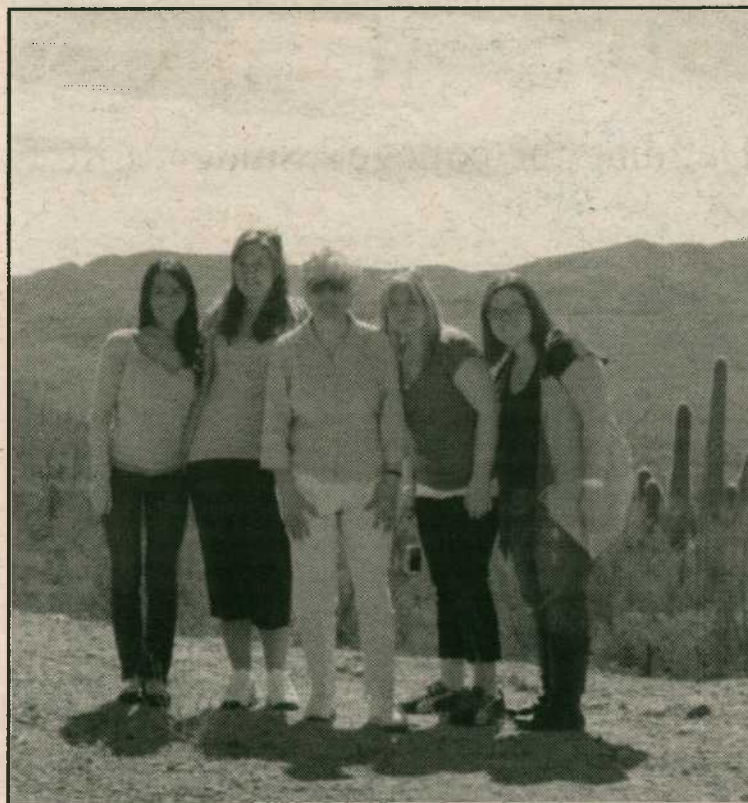


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S. Betty and the St. Joseph's student teacher pose for a picture in the Arizona desert.

Most Important Part of the College Experience?



Iqbal Husain (Freshman) - No, I'm really, really smart. It just comes naturally to me. Everything besides academics is important to me. Being smart is natural.



Mallory Arroyo (Freshman) - Academics are definitely not the most important part of the experience. Expanding your social horizon is the most important part because your friends help shape who you are for years to come.



Michael LaGuidice (Sophomore) - I feel academics are important. People see school as a joke, but we should realize that it is a great opportunity that not many people have, and we should respect it.



Dashana Payne (Senior) - I believe it is important to have academics, but also have the extracurricular activities. College is about having fun before you enter the work world. I think they go hand in hand.

Restaurant Review: Sushi D

By Gabrielle Hughes

Located within blocks of campus, Sushi D is a chic neighborhood spot offering reasonably priced Japanese cuisine. It is situated near Adelphi Street, at 207 DeKalb Avenue, and unlike typical cramped sushi places, the interior is spaci-ously set up. Entering patrons are exposed to a modern atmosphere, as the restaurant is comprised of dark wood tables, golden walls, and low lamp lighting.

Upon seating, customers sense the quiet setting, and immediately engage upon a tranquil experience. Relaxation is enhanced with the presentation of hot towels before dining. Sushi D's staff are attentive, both in service and with inquiries, as it's not uncommon for questions to arise while reading the menu at a sushi restaurant.

In terms of dining options, there is something for any connoisseur of Japanese cuisine. The menu boasts a variety of Japanese staples like miso soup (\$2.50), shumai (\$5), and California (\$4) and spicy tuna rolls (\$5.50). Those wishing for something slightly more unprecedented should go for items like the miso-glazed

black cod (\$21) or the Verdant roll (\$6.50), composed of cucumber, asparagus, and oshinko, and garnished with cilantro in a honey-wasabi emulsion. Patrons put off by sushi's "raw" factor can enjoy crispy tempura (vegetable \$12, shrimp \$15) or chicken teriyaki (\$13), which is delivered on a sizzling skillet.

Although the restaurant's entrées can run high in price, it should be noted that none of the sushi rolls are priced over \$10. The majority of the lunch specials are also under \$10, and they include soup or salad. Furthermore, edamame is provided as a free appetizer, saving diners money on what would be a slight expense anywhere else.

With the surrounding restaurants primarily limited to bistro fare, Sushi D is a great option to satisfy a craving for specialty food. With warmer weather approaching customers will soon be able to enjoy meals outside, as Sushi D offers seasonal outdoor seating. Conversely, those considering sampling Sushi D's at home can take advantage of the restaurant's delivery options.

For more information, or to take a closer look at the menu, visit: www.SushiD.com.



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Located on DeKalb and Adelphi, Sushi D is a great option for members of the SJC community craving Japanese cuisine.

St. Joe's Has Talent!

By Roseangela Fracchiolla

It is Thursday night, March 3rd at St. Joseph's College and students, staff, family members and friends are quickly filling up Tuohy Hall Auditorium to see an array of acts at St. Joseph's annual Talent Show. Observing the near packed auditorium assures me that I am in the right place and am about to witness a good show.

Two things one can always be sure of when attending a St. Joseph's event are delicious food and some entertainment to accompany it. The talent show is no different. The show began at seven o'clock, with the category of "Spoken Word." All of the noise of everyone settling in came to a silence as Stacy Adams began the show. Accompanied by a microphone and a solitary spot light everyone watched as Stacy, Michelle Lupert, and Janet Akerele poetically articulated the ways of human behavior.

There was an immediate shift in mood once moving onto the "Song" category. Spirits were high once the first performance number started to play- The Temptations. Kemol Dixon, Rednael Long, Leah Hampton Jerome Murray, Mallory Arroyo, John Rizzo,

and Sabrina Cornia were the seven singing performers. With these names the audiences experienced Motown, soul, freestyle hip hop and every other heartfelt song in between.

With song comes "Dance" and so out came the dancers. The first duo to perform was Catherine Muldoon and Lisa Murphy. These ladies tested the boundaries of pop music and Irish step-dancing to all the greats of Lady Gaga. "Just Mack" strutted their way through the crowds and made us remember why we all secretly wish we were as fierce as Beyonce.

The last category of the night was "Variety"; a group whose talents do not necessarily fit into the other categories but certainly deserve a spot on the stage. Variety is just what the audience received, with a blast from the past from Robert Jurman's swing era inspired Saxophone piece. Diana and the Dorks bridged the gap between pop divas with a mash-up of "Express Yourself" and "Born This Way." Three's Company proved three isn't a crowd with a rendition of a Paramore tune. Lastly, brother and sister duo Teresa and Javier Bosque gave a comedic performance of the Friends theme song "I'll Be There For You."

The winners of each category received a \$100 prize and went on to compete in the final round for the grand prize of \$350. The grand prize winner will donate \$100 of the grand prize money to a charity of their choice. The final round was on its way and to call it heated is an understatement. The four finalists included: Stacy Adams, Sabrina Cornia, Catherine Muldoon and Lisa Murphy, and Diana and the Dorks.

The Judges: Sister Betty Calfapietra, Mary Gatchell, Dr. Quincy Lehr, Thomas Hoefner, and Stacy Temple were in charge of making what was most certainly a difficult decision. After much deliberation and a tally of scores the grand prize winner was (insert drum roll) Stacy Adams.

Although a tremendously entertaining evening, the greatest thing to take away from the St. Joseph's talent show is the rarity of it all. These days it seems so rare to find real-sans- auto-tune-and-spell-check talent. There is something to be said for the student body at St. Joseph's college. Why are we spending so much time searching YouTube for the next superstar when they just may be right in front of us at St. Joe's?

Review: "Essentially" Fantastic



Photo Credit: Robert Napolitano

By John Rizzo

The SJC Dance Club held their Spring performance, "Essentially Kinetic", on Thursday, April 14th during Common Hour and at 7pm the same day. Many students came during Common Hour to witness the Dance Club showcasing a variety of different dances. Two performances were though confined to only the evening shows on Thursday night and on Friday, April 15th at 8pm. The audience size of the evening performances were about half to that of the one at Common Hour.

The beginning portion of the show featured very interesting cultural dance pieces with the dancers adorned with costumes

and outfits very well suited to the performed songs. Each dance that was presented indeed reflected the show's theme and title as each was full of unique moves and bursts of incredible vitality. The evening-only performances were entitled "Diving into the Reflection" and "Winter Heart." Stacey Temple even took the liberty of performing in a few pieces, which made the three concert performances even more remarkable. These included "Finding One's Place," and her solo performance in "Winter Heart."

The top three pieces of the show during the evening and Common Hour performances were without question "Swingin' Spidey," featuring male dancers Javier Bosque and Chris Townes, "Till the World Ends" performed by

the four SJC Irish Step Dancers, and finally "All of the Lights," another spectacular display of modern dance. The last dance of the show, the piece entitled "All of the Lights" brought together almost the entire Dance Club cast, and the dance was indeed a wonderful way to end the show. The Production Staff included Director Stacey Temple, lighting design by Kia Rogers and Al Roundtree, House Manager Jaime Vacca-Hoefner, sound technician James Giorgio, and four assistant stage managers. The House Crew added to the wonderful performances with their help in a Bake Sale for Dancers Respond to AIDS, directing audience members to their seats, program distribution, and their other vital forms of assistance to the show.

Preview: Scream 4

The 90's horror series returns for a fourth installment.

By Lisa Murphy

In December of 1996, one iconic scene put horror back into popular culture, revitalizing the horror genre. In this scene, a teenage girl (played by Drew Barrymore) is home alone making Jiffy-Pop when the phone rings. She answers the phone and we hear a strange voice. Thinking it's a wrong number, the girl politely hangs up. The strange voice calls back again but, this time, the girl stays on and

"Scream" manages to make fun of the clichés found in 80s horror films... while still captivating and terrorizing audiences.

chats with him. He asks her questions such as, "Do you like scary movies?" and "What's your favorite scary movie?" The girl flirtatiously responds to his questions and all seems well and good until he asks for her name, explaining that he wants to know who he is looking at. At that point, panic sets in for both the girl and the audience as we are introduced to the infamous Ghostface killer of the "Scream" trilogy.

Directed by Wes Craven, "Scream" was a film that set out to deconstruct the horror films of the 80s that audiences had been scared by while growing up. Sometimes referred to as a parody, "Scream" manages to make fun of the clichés found in 80s horror films (such as "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Friday the 13th") while still captivating and terrorizing audiences as a "whodunit" slasher film. All three films are packed with creative kill scenes and twists and turns that make it difficult to tell who the killer really is.

It's been nearly 11 years since the release of "Scream 3," but on April 15th we will once again be privy to the scares and antics of Ghostface as he once again tries to take down

heroine Sidney Prescott. Yes, horror master Wes Craven is back with "Scream 4," which stars "Scream" veterans Neve Campbell, David Arquette, and Courteney Cox as well as some newcomers to the series such as Emma Roberts and Hayden Panettiere. Here is the film's synopsis:

"Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell), now the author of a self-help book, returns home to Woodsboro on the last stop of her book tour. There she reconnects with Sheriff Dewey (David Arquette) and Gale (Courteney Cox), who are now married, as well as her cousin Jill (Emma Roberts) and her Aunt Kate (Mary McDonnell). Unfortunately, Sidney's appearance also brings about the return of Ghostface, putting Sidney, Gale, and Dewey, along with Jill, her friends, and the whole town of Woodsboro in danger."

Will Sidney, Dewey, and Gale manage to once again survive the massacre at Woodsboro? Or will Ghostface finally prevail? We will find out on April 15th....



Photo Credit: Lisa Murphy

Ghostface looks for new victims at... Kings Plaza?
(Okay, he may have taken a wrong turn somewhere...)

Review: 12th Night Chapel Players takes on the Bard.

By Cassandra Guerrier



Photo Credit: Robert Napolitano

A disguised Viola (Julia Christgau) receives some suspicious advice from Sir Toby Belch (Sean Dorso).

April 3rd, it was refreshing to see this hilarious modern-day take on Shakespeare; many references to 21st century pop culture and media were made as the night progressed (using Saturday Night Live's "Do the Creep" skit to not only keep the audience's attention but to connect with their everyday interests as well as an ingenious move on the cast's part).

Furthermore, each actor/actress, supporting or main, was able to incorporate a piece of their own personalities into their characters. This 'tidbit' was what made the play so well-received; many acting skills have to be used, including voice projection, clear diction and effortlessly transitioning between different scenes and moods. Seeing everyone act so fluently while also breathing life into their roles - in a Shakespearean play nonetheless, something of which is not an easy task - was very moving. The performance was very enthusiastic, expressive and, most of all, convincing.

Moreover, the donations col-

lected were given to the charity Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, an organization of which the Chapel Players has been in support of for many years. This charity works to increase public awareness of AIDS and "promote and encourage public support for programs and services which benefit people living with HIV/AIDS (Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS)."

In order for an audience to truly understand one of Shakespeare's plays, the actors/actresses must first be able to convey the meaning into their own voices, and then connect with said audience on some level. After observing the Chapel Players' various approaches to acting, it's safe to say that they were successful in doing so. Lastly, keeping the quote "Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon them (Act II, Scene V)" in mind, the cast's performance embodied a level of greatness that Shakespeare originally envisioned.

Spring Break on Broadway

By Diana Kessel

Over spring break I got the chance to see many Broadway shows I had been looking forward to, and one high profile train wreck. While many students were out of town, out of the country, or staying in the boroughs, I found myself at "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "The Book of Mormon," "Priscilla Queen of the Desert," and "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark."

"How to Succeed" is back on Broadway celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, and playing the leading role of J. Pierrepont Finch, a young man trying to fake his way to the top of the business world. is none other than Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe. While sitting in that rush line on a cold Saturday morning surrounded by Gryffindor messenger bags, I didn't know what I was in for. The show itself is fun, but just like 90% of the audience that night it is absolutely something I would not care about if Daniel Radcliffe was not in it. The audience was roaring every second they had the chance, but mostly for whatever Harry Potter was doing. The more I process the show, the longer and more boring it was in retrospect, but it did not fail to entertain.

The best show I have seen all year was "The Book of Mormon". Written by the creators of "South Park" and "Avenue Q," "Mormon" follows two young wide-eyed and naive Mormon missionaries who are sent to Uganda to do mission work among the tribes. When the Ugandan people show no interest in a religion, the Mormons must create a new more interesting variation of "The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints" in order to convert people. This includes Star Wars references, outrageous (and possibly offensive) humor, and enough cursing to make my mom proud of my theatrical choices. This show has been selling out every night of previews and

will likely have a long run. THIS is the show to see this season!

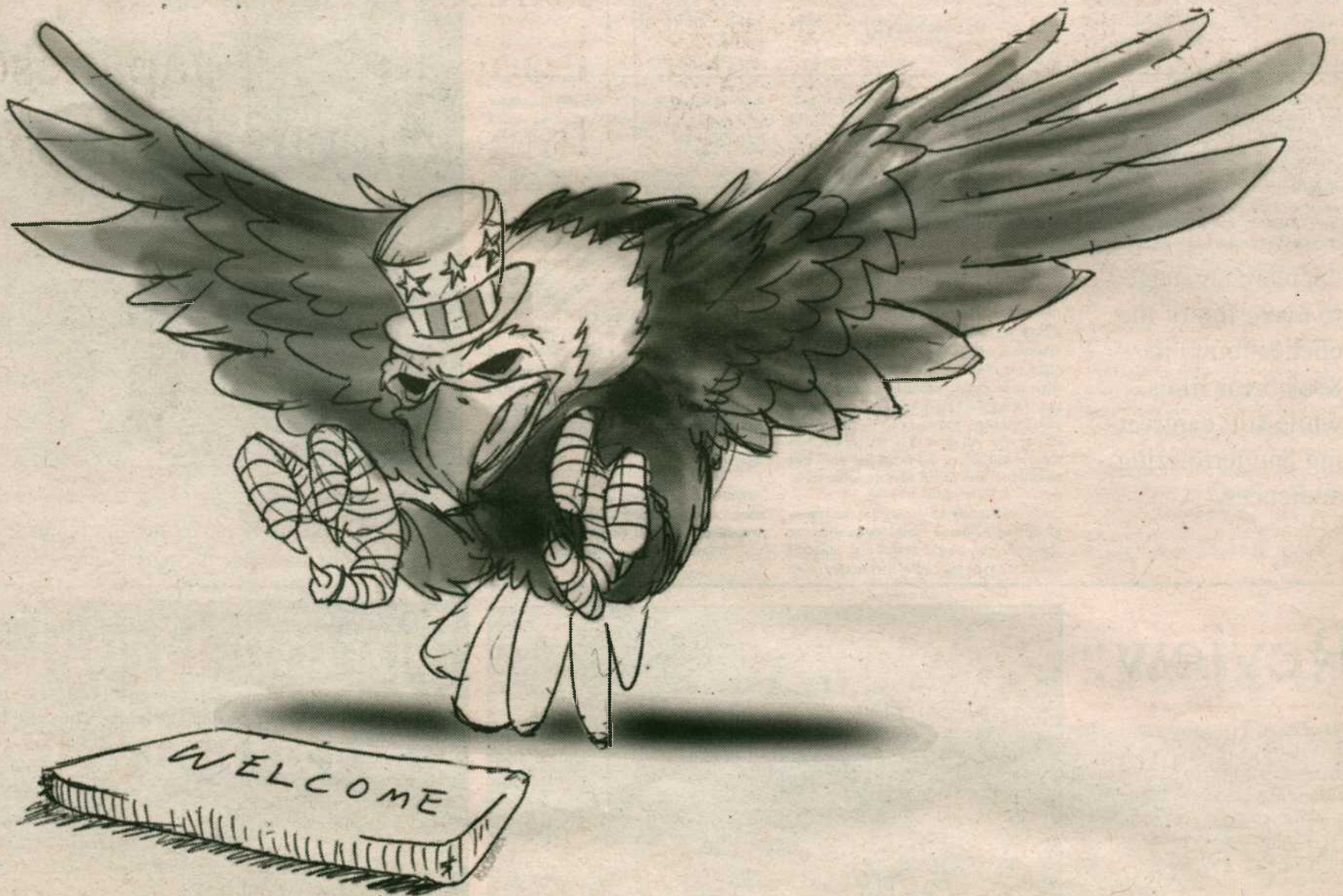
For nothing but a good time, head to "Priscilla Queen of the Desert." Based on the 1994 movie of the same name, this hilarious jukebox musical full of campy 1980's and 1990's songs tells of two drag queens and a transsexual that take their drag act to a casino in the middle of the Australian desert. The opening number is "It's Raining Men"; do I really need to say much else?

"Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" is the \$65 million dollar musical that holds the record for longest time ever spent in previews, as well as the most cast and crew injuries (broken spines and concussions and understudies oh my!) If the disaster I saw is an improvement, I am dying to know what this mess

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looked like in November. Yes, the flying and aerial stunts were amazing, but they really should be if the musical costs that much and someone almost died performing them. The score (by U2) was boring and the scenes looked like music videos that had nothing to do with each other. As much as I would love to tell you the plot, there really wasn't much of one, and it certainly did not follow the movies I am familiar with. "Spider-Man" will be shut down for 5 weeks as a new director and creative team is brought in. It is a great idea to have a superhero musical on Broadway because there is a huge market for that audience, but this is disgraceful.

Of course this is all opinion, but when it comes to musicals this is the one topic I know well. I highly encourage you to go out and see a show! The highest price I paid for a ticket was \$40, and all tickets were purchased through the rush and lottery policies at each theater. For information, visit Playbill.com, or ask me for the real story.



Cartoon by Kevin Gillespie

Illegal Immigration: Another Way

By Gabrielle Hughes

The United States has always been a nation of immigrants, and accommodating those that wish to live here is vital in persisting our livelihood. At the same time, with over 11 million people residing illegally, it is obvious that the country's immigration system is in need of repair. Many feel limiting entry to the U.S. is the best way to control illegal immigration, but they refuse to see the impracticalities associated with costly and ineffective borders patrols. Furthermore, laws requiring individuals to carry proof of citizenship at all times amounts to little but racial profiling. Until a comprehensive plan is formed, the most logical and ethical approach to resolving the issue is providing

immigrants with a path to citizenship.

As lack of opportunity is often present in impoverished nations, most immigrants flee their origins in an attempt to establish better living conditions. By crossing the border into the U.S., immigrants are able to seek positions that will eventually allow for improvement in their lives and in the lives of their families.

Whether or not you care to hear it, illegal immigration makes significant contributions to our country's economic growth. Even as unauthorized residents, illegal immigrants act as consumers, making purchases that add billions of dollars to the economy. Additionally, they fill gaps in the workforce because they operate positions that are often undesirable. Overall, the value of immigration is beneficial, and allowing people to stay in the country long enough to gain citizenship is valuable to the economy.

On the other hand, many have made it clear that illegal immigrants pose a serious threat to the United States. In particular, Arizona has made drastic attempts in wiping out unauthorized immigration. In April of 2010, a law was passed that allows police officers to question the immigration status of anyone they stop. Those who do not have proof of citizenship on hand can be charged with a state violation and police have the power to arrest anyone believed to be in the country illegally.

Laws like these are unethical because they enable racial profiling. Forcing "reasonably suspicious" individuals to produce documentation indicating their legality is an insult to American values, as it is often done on the basis of appearance. Additionally, attempting to enforce immigration law shows that Arizona is, without proper right, seizing federal authority.

Clearly, the law was crafted out of the state's frustration with its inability to secure its borders. However, it does not excuse Arizona from demonstrating unconstitutional behavior or provoking racial intolerance among communities.

With the overwhelming number of unauthorized immigrants residing in the U.S. it would be ridiculous for states to follow Arizona's lead. Immigration will not simply fade away through border patrol and deportation; people will still find ways to cross over. Securing the entire region is an impossible goal, but drastically increasing the number of legal immigrants is obtainable. While we should not give up on the federal government's means to repair our immigration system, allowing illegal immigrants to become citizens is the best method in preserving America's continuity.

The Conservative Corner: Keep Our Borders Secure

By Robert Jurman

We are a nation at war. We are fighting against threats from terrorists operating in the Middle East; every day, our soldiers fight to keep us safe. However, there is another battle being fought and it's closer to home. While our soldiers fight to secure borders in Afghanistan and Iraq, our own borders with Mexico are being violated. Every year thousands of Mexicans illegally cross the border and enter our nation. It has gotten to the point where this is a serious threat to our national security. Illegal immigrants have set up drug cartels all over our country, causing the death of our own citizens who live and vacation near the border. Several months ago an American vacationer jet skiing with his family on the Texas-Mexico border was shot and killed, and his body was taken as well. Later the chief investigator of the

incident was beheaded by a drug cartel. Cartels are not the only issue. We have illegal immigrants coming to our country and kidnapping men, women and children. Phoenix, Arizona is the first major city that you would encounter coming across the Mexican border into Arizona. This city, once one of the safest in America, now has the highest kidnapping rate of any city in the country. Other crimes such as rape, murder and shoplifting are also up.

Our taxes are also going to illegal immigrants. Illegal immigrants have some of the highest welfare, health care, education and housing benefits of anyone in America. They are also being employed by businesses at a cheaper rate, stealing away jobs from our own citizens. Every time an illegal immigrant files for welfare, our tax dollars pay for their food; when they need health care, we pay for their surgery; when they send their kids to public schools, we pay for them; when they get a new house or an apartment, we pay for

it. Our money must go towards our own infrastructure and mutual protection. Our money must be used for us, the American citizens.

Now, conservatives do not believe that immigrants are bad. We acknowledge that all of us are the ancestors of immigrants. However, we came here legally and became citizens legally. We want the same for everyone else. If you come here legally and work hard and file for citizenship legally, that is perfectly acceptable; it is what America was founded on. Conservatives are law abiding people. If we let people just come in our country with no documentation then we are insulting our predecessors who came here legally and those immigrants who are currently here legally, trying to get the very jobs and benefits that are given to illegal immigrants. Even our own citizens are put aside and refused jobs and benefits that are taken by illegal immigrants and that is just wrong. This is not how a proper country is run.

We need to fix the problem. Both sides, Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals have promised to secure our borders but in the end have neglected their promises. It's time to take securing our borders off the "maybe" list and make it a priority. One way to fix the problem is to enforce the current laws we have, and that is to start looking at documentation. If you commit a crime in Arizona the arresting officer by law can ask you for proof of citizenship. The Arizona law is the first step in enforcing what already existed as law. Another option is to send the National Guard to the border to intercept incoming illegal immigrants. The final way is to cut benefits for all illegal immigrants; this would cause many to leave on their own accord and in doing so give jobs and benefits back to our own citizens.



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SJC students help Florida locals clear a stream impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil leak.

SJC Cleans the Coast

By Kayla Johnson

During the week of March 13th -18th, eighteen students from St. Joseph's Brooklyn and Long Island campuses began an "Alternative Spring Break", volunteering in Niceville, Florida with Community Collaborations International to help residents there with the Gulf Coast Restoration in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Before leaving, we collected donations from various offices and organizations and raised over \$400 through a raffle to help offset the cost of the trip. While in Florida, we stayed at Camp Timpoochie in Niceville with over a hundred and sixty students from around the nation.

After our 12-hour journey to Florida, most students simply wanted to dive into bed while others explored the campsite. Some students walked on the beach, taking in the newly found warm weather or simply playing volleyball with their new cabin mates. Day one was pretty "normal" expect for the trip to the hospital (one student needed seven stitches in his foot) and the various trips to Wal-Mart. On Day two we helped lay down an oyster bed. We laid down thirty-pound bags of fossilized oysters along the shore; this process attracts living oysters to the reef. Each living oyster can filter fifty gallons of water and clean the reef. This was a long and tiring day, but a lot of fun.

Days three and four gave us the opportunity to get in touch with nature. On Day three we cleaned a stream, removing all the unhealthy species growing in the creek and all the trees. For us "Yankees," as they called us, being in waist high mud was definitely an experience. After work we got to relax on one of the most beautiful beaches any of us had even seen, and then had dinner at Cracker Barrel to have some down-home southern cooking. On Day four, we helped with reforestation. During this process, we planted trees in order to rebuild the depleting forest. That day, we also had our second trip to the hospital; another student had sprained her ankle at the beach. She was fine, and joined us shortly after at the work site.

Our last day of work definitely hit home for all of us. Whether you were an older sibling or a Child Study major, the children at Head Start would make your heart melt. With those adorable faces you could not help but smile. We played with the children, read them stories, and aided the teachers in any way possible. It was a nice ending to a week filled mud, dirt, and unexpected twist and turns.

When asked about his experiences Victor Cruz '14, a Long Island student, said: "Who knew Brooklyn and Long Island can come together, each with their different styles, personalities, beliefs and sometimes accents, to unify in helping a small town in Florida?" Well, nobody did. But we found it. Two injuries and a massive time crunch did not stop us. We have become friends while working together. It was a fantastic trip. I am not the only one who wished it did not end so early. As a colleague said about trip, it was "Peace, Love and Sand" for Alternative Spring 2011 - St. Joseph's College at Niceville, Florida."

Victor's comment explained the experience to a tee. It truly was a life changing experience. The opportunity to give back the people of Niceville was more than rewarding in itself; but that lifelong friendships and the connections we now share are distinctly unique to the family that is SJC Alternative Spring Break 2011.

Why Are You Complaining? Crisis in Libya

By Nerisa Bethel

The desire for freedom has now swept the country of Libya. While the residents of eastern Libya are somewhat "liberated," they still live in fear of Colonel Gaddafi and his forces raiding the region. The citizens in this part of Libya can taste freedom but in the blink of an eye, they can have it snatched away from them as well. This ruler is not just a man who is fanatical about power; his insanity runs much deeper than that. In an exclusive ABC news interview he said, "My people love me!"

He seems to think love is shown through violent shootings and inhumane war fare. A local doctor described the scene around his hospital to the British Broadcasting Corporation, "They bombed all the houses with heavy weapons. They intentionally gunned and exploded our drug store. They even

bombed around our hospital, but fortunately nobody was injured. More than five mosques which I know are bombed." This is just one example of the conditions under which the citizens of this country have to live. As far as their leader is concerned, all the carnage is a representation of his love.

Despite the grave danger, some Libyans - including women have been attending protests and standing up for democracy. It is a sight to see men, women, and children of all ages fighting fervently for democracy. They recognize that they will not have brighter futures under a dictator. Here, in this country, we are blessed with the privileges of a democracy. Before we complain about anything maybe we should reflect on the mother who has just lost her son, daughter, or husband to heartless Gaddafi forces.

UNITE: Another Look at Immigration

By Laura Martinez-Corona

America is currently in the midst of one of its worst economic recessions in history. Between wars and the fall of the stock market, the cost of living and unemployment are on the rise. Many struggling Americans have turned their attention towards illegal immigration reform unfairly blaming illegal immigrants for the economic woes America is experiencing. Although reform is necessary, we must examine illegal immigration as a whole and determine what measures must be taken to address current and future economic issues, not just seeking a quick fix solution to illegal immigration that may prove to be more costly in the long run, like unfair or discriminatory laws that only build social tension.

A study done by the CATO Institute in 2009 shows that legalizing more than eight million undocumented workers in the United States would provide a huge economic boost, and that conversely a focus on tighter border control and stricter immigration laws would actually be costly and hurt an already strained American economy. More recent studies, like the one done by Professor Peter B. Dixon and Maureen T. Rimmer at the Centre of Policy Studies at Monash University in Australia, actually show reducing immigration would have a negative effect economically. Reducing low skilled immigration over ten years by a third is projected to cost the country 80 billion dollars.

Illegal immigration also has a positive impact on inflation. Illegal immigrants help keep the rate of inflation low. Basically the cost of living is not out of control because the presence of cheap labor keeps cost down, just like the massive flow of products from "slave labor" countries with lax labor laws regulate the prices of American manufactured goods. The presence of illegal immigrants also helps us as consumers; many immigrants seek out the most affordable/cost friendly of the necessary commodities needed to survive due to the extreme economic disadvantages they face. Their need for cheaper commodities and large presence creates a market of suppliers willing to appease their demands and supply more affordable commodities, a market we cash in on.

Though in taking a deeper look at immigration socially, consequences of blaming illegal immigrants for our economic woes (in particular Mexican immigrants) are detrimental to our society and only create racial and social tension.

Illegal immigrants are victims of anti-immigrant groups every day; they are humiliated, disrespected, and discriminated against constantly. Recent immigration laws are being passed based on the actions of a minority group of immigrants. What are we gaining from this these laws? These laws only add to racial tension and the violence that surrounds it in America, not solving our problems with immigration. Illegal immigrants cannot be classified as criminals as the majority of illegal immigrants have committed no crimes. Are we going to persecute them for seeking a better life for them and their families in America? Didn't our ancestors do the same? Illegal immigrants are not the real criminals; why don't the authorities focus on the thieves, murderers, and rapists and leave these honest hard working people alone? Let's help ourselves by helping them and become more united.

Holding On to Hope: Japanese Tsunami

By Nerisa Bethel

Families torn apart, tears stream down their faces as they race for food and necessary resources all while inhaling toxins. Everything here epitomizes a nightmare, and this is just what the Japanese are facing. Moms, dads, and children sit in hospitals waiting to be screened for radiation. The fear in their eyes is indescribable when they consider the possibility that their six month old baby might develop thyroid cancer.

Some people tread the debris-ridden streets of Japan praying that they find their loved ones. Even though all the evidence is not in their favor, they continue walking. They still have reason to continue walking because just a few weeks ago a grandmother and her grandson were pulled out of the rubble alive (ABC News Report). A woman gave birth to a healthy baby in the midst of all the chaos. This is what the Japanese hold on to and this is what helps them stay alive every minute of every day.

Amid the few sparks of joy, there is more suffering, especially with the aftershock that hit with a magnitude of 7.4 on Thursday April 7th. To add to all of the dismay, four million homes remained without power and water and train services were disrupted. CNN reports that there were two casualties and 132 were injured. That grandmother and her grandson were rescued a few weeks ago, but on Thursday a 63-year old woman lost her life because her oxygen tube required electricity and there was no power. Just as the Japanese gain some spirit it seems to be taken away from them.

But, for the Japanese there is hope not just in finding loved ones but in the spirit of the survivors. Once they have enough goods for themselves and their families, they are more than willing to share with the less fortunate. It is mesmerizing to witness the greatness of the human condition as a Japanese man offers food to someone who needs it, while his house has been flattened (ABC News clip). Some of the victims still manage to keep smiles on their faces despite the heart-wrenching tragedy.

We can learn from the Japanese not just on how to keep our nuclear plants more secure, but on how to remain unified even when the most devastating natural disaster hits and then hits again. The worst possible thing to do in a case like this would be to point fingers. The Japanese collaborate; they look out for one another. Some fathers work assiduously at the plants trying to keep them from exploding for the good of their country. That spirit, that goodness, should truly be an inspiration.

PLAY BALL!! The Bears and Lady Bears Take the Field

By Kristen McMaster

As spring begins and the warm weather approaches, the sounds of catcher's mitts, bats, and helmets can be heard as the St. Joseph's Bears & Lady Bears gear up for the 2011 season. The Baseball team got started early, heading off to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the end of February for the first games of the Season. Even though they came back without any wins, the team was not shaken by the defeat.

They prepared themselves for the upcoming games, including their home opener.

The Baseball Team, led by Head Coach Scott Losche, Assistant Coaches Jerry Sidman, Jack Hans, and Mike Kondel, prepare for the upcoming jam-packed schedule. This is the team's 3rd year as a full varsity sport, and is ready to win this season. Team captains Joseph Boccia, and Jon Mendez head the twenty-three member team, and on March 18th the team earned its first win against Lehman college, 17-6, in the first game of the double-header. Overall for the beginning of the season their record is 3-16 and they hope to bounce back from their losses in Myrtle Beach and show everyone what they are made of.

As the Bears fight for wins, the Lady Bear's Softball team is preparing for the new season with a hunger for their first ever National Championship. Coming off a third place finish at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association last season, the Lady Bears softball team is ready to step up their game as they face a tough schedule to try and reach their goal of being National Champions. The bar was raised

last season and the pressure is on to not only match, but also surpass last year's record of 28 wins and even more impressive post-season run, which concluded with a thrilling victory in the 3rd place game. The expectations are certainly high, but all of the Lady Bear's players and coaches believe this could be one of the most successful teams in program history.

Coach Frank Carbone and Assistant Coaches JoAnn Schmitt, Carol Kavanagh, and Luke Klimaszewski lead the team. Head Coach Frank Carbone says, "We're pumped up! We expect big things for this season and so far we've played well with only a little practice. We hope to go all the way this year because we can contend, we just all need to stay healthy." The team is lucky to have such an optimistic head coach, and many veterans on the team who know how to play well together, as there are no team captains, everybody takes a leadership role and everybody wants to participate. Most of team is returning players, and they are ready to win. The team is the defending Hudson Valley champions, and if they make it, it will be their 3rd straight appearance at the National Tournament.

To date the team has the highest winning record and most individual accomplishments in program history. Pitcher Lisa Scheer says, "We played great last year, and this year I have even higher hopes for winning". She even quotes her favorite baseball player Derek Jeter saying, "We just want to win. That's the bottom line. I think a lot of times people may become content with one championship or a little bit of success, but we don't really reflect on what we've done in the past. We focus on the present." The Lady Bears are already showing their eagerness to win as they came home from Fort Myers Florida with



three wins under their belt. Player Millicia Malvasio said, "I'm looking forward to dominating like we always do. BAM!" And with a mid-season record of 14-4, that seems to be exactly what they're doing.

The St. Joseph's College Baseball and Softball team play home games at MCU Park, and Padavan-Preller Fields. If you are interested in seeing them play this season visit <http://bears.sjcny.edu> to see both upcoming schedules.

Photo Credit: Anthony Macapugay
The Lady Bear's Millie Malvasio and the Bear's Kevin Diaz hit the diamond for the 2011 season.

Rec Major: Not Just Fun & Games

By Lisa Murphy

Choosing a major can be a difficult task, especially when there are so many options that one can choose from. One can major in Biology and go on to become a doctor or researcher. One can major in Child Study and go on to become a teacher, educating the youth of America. One can major in Speech and become a speech pathologist. One can major in Recreation and...hold on. What? One can major in what? What is a Recreation major?

That's the reaction most Recreation majors receive when asked what their major is. Let's try to clear this perplexity up once and for all. We'll first begin with the definition of recreation. Recreation is defined to be "the refreshment of one's mind or body after work through activity that amuses or stimulates." According to historian Bruce C. Daniels, the "need to do something for recreation" seems to be an essential component of human biology and psychology. Recreation majors study this need. According to the SJC course catalogue, what one studies when majoring in Recreation at St. Joseph's College is the "philosophy, psychology, sociology, and professional enrichment necessary to enhance both clinical and administrative skills in Recreation and Leisure Studies."

Students majoring in Recreation can choose between two focus areas. The first area of concentration is Therapeutic Recreation. As a Recreation Therapist, one provides treatment services and recreation activities for individuals with disabilities or illnesses. Using a wide array of techniques such as arts and crafts, sports, games, dance, and music, Recreation Therapists improve and maintain the physical, mental, and emotional well being of their clients. Recreation Therapists may work in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and other facilities. The second area of concentration Recreation



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Matt Walsh is on the frontlines as one of the first of the college's students pursuing a degree in the field of Recreation and Leisure Studies.

majors can choose to study is Leisure Service Management. Graduating with a concentration in Leisure Service Management can lead to "positions with YMCA's, youth agencies, community or government recreation and parks departments, as well as in non-profit and private agencies." When asked about this area of study, Recreation Major Matthew Walsh explained, "For example having a teen basketball night at a recreation center. In doing this we could show them that working as a team could bring success and if they fail there is always next time."

Along with the Recreation major here at St. Joseph's College, there is also Recreation Club. When asked about the goals of the club, Matthew Walsh explained, "Our goal as a club

is to bring fun, beneficial events, fund raisers, and activities to the students of SJC. I use what I learn in class and bring it to the table. So far our events have surpassed our expectations." He also explained that the club is not only for recreation majors and is a "great mix of all the majors at SJC."

Gail C. Lamberta, Ph.D. is the chairperson of the Recreation department. She is often found on the Patchogue Campus so if you are interested in learning more about the major, you can speak with Professor Jeremy Cash (also the advisor of the Recreation Club). You can also approach any of the Recreation majors, such as Matthew Walsh, and they would be more than happy to answer your questions.

Mets & Yankees '11 Previews

By Mike Panico

Last season, New York baseball unfortunately had a disappointing ending. The Mets had yet another disappointing season, and the Yankees did not win the World Series. Coming off a disappointing year, many fans are excited for the start of the 2011 baseball season. The big question is: will New York baseball be back?

It was an interesting off-season for the Mets. They brought in a new manager, Terry Collins, and a new general manager, Sandy Alderson. These changes may be too little too late, especially with the mess that owner Fred Wilpon has left the team in following his involvement with the Bernie Madoff financial scandal. On the bright side, Carlos Beltran looks like he may actually be healthy, or at least healthy enough, to play right field. It seems like everything went downhill for him since he didn't take the bat off of his shoulders in the 7th game of the NLCS. Also, there's young first baseman Ike Davis, who can give Mets fan at least some hope at a future.

My overall prediction: this is going to be a rebuilding year from the Mets. With the young talent that they have, they may have a good team in a few years. But now they have to deal with ace Johan Santana being out until June or July, as well as the uncertainty of the future of the club. They probably will not be able to afford to bring back Jose Reyes, and if the Phillies do what they are supposed to and run away with the NL East, the other teams in the division may just beat up on each other and they could finish close to .500.

The Yankees ended last year on a very disappointing note. Even though the Rangers were a hot club entering the 2010 ALCS there were many bad decisions that led to the early end of the season, such as Joe Girardi (who did not deserve his new contract extension) pitching Burnett in Game 3 of the ALCS and pulling Phil Hughes for no reason in game 6. It was also a difficult off-season for the Yankees to take, as Cliff Lee decided to go to the Phillies and the Red Sox signed Carl Crawford.

Yes, signing Rafael Soriano is going to help in the bullpen, but the big question marks are within the starting rotation. Freddy Garcia is solid, and should be able to keep the back end of the rotation afloat until they can trade for a big name pitcher. Bartolo Colon looked good in the spring, but given his injury history likely won't be able to last too long. Derek Jeter may be getting old, but he is Derek Jeter. No one should worry about him or the rest of the line-up.

My overall prediction: the Yankees will be the Yankees. They will find a way to get the job done and make the playoffs. Until Papelbon is able to go out and close a game like he used to, I'm not convinced the Red Sox will actually be able to win it all. A lot of people are counting the Yankees out, but I would not be so sure. They will at least take the Wild Card, possibly sneak past the Sox. Then it's October, and you can never predict exactly what will happen during October in the Bronx.